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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Administration of Justice

A Bill to amend the Civil Procedure Code so as to abrogate the provision relating to arrest and imprisonment for debts.

578 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government of India called for suggestions from the Local Government for keeping in abeyance the practice of issuing arrest warrants against the judgment-debtors in satisfaction of the decrees issued by the civil courts;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to state their views in the matter; and

(*c*) whether the Government contemplate to present a Bill for the amendment of the Civil Procedure Code in view of putting an end to the issue of civil warrants of arrest?

A.—(*a*) The question on which the Government of India called for the views of the Local Government is whether arrest and imprisonment for debt where no contumacy is proved should be abolished either generally or for particular classes of persons.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Forest Panchayats

Alleged irregularities on the part of the President, Forest Panchayat, Nampalle village, Chittoor district.

579 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there have been factions in Nampalle village, Chittoor taluk, in respect of the election of members and of the President of the Forest Panchayat;

(*b*) whether enquiries have been held by the Deputy Collector of Chittoor, in connexion therewith and, if so, what is the result of his report from the statements recorded by him of certain ryots at Irala camp;

(*c*) whether any complaints have been made to the Collector of Chittoor, that the President, Forest Panchayat, Nampalle, has been abusing his position in the matter of issuing permits and preventing permits being issued to other bona fide cattle owners; and

(*d*) what steps have been taken by the Collector of Chittoor to rectify these abuses?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) A memorial on the subject was received by Government in December 1933 from certain ryots of Nampalle village. The petitioners were informed that they should appeal to the Board of Revenue before approaching the Government. The Government have called for a report on the allegations made in the question.

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Land Revenue Administration

Constitution of a new district from the remains of Ganjam with the addition of Palkonda taluk in the Vizagapatam district.

580 *Q.*—Rao Sahib Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to constitute the remaining portion of the Ganjam district which is not included in the New Orissa Province and the Palkonda taluk in the Vizagapatam district as a separate district with Chicacole as its headquarters instead of including the same in the Vizagapatam district;

(*b*) whether the District Collectors of Ganjam and Vizagapatam were consulted in this matter; and

(*c*) whether they advised the Government favouring this proposal?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Consequent on the proposal to transfer a portion of the Ganjam district to the New Orissa Province, various suggestions for the reorganization of districts have been examined by the Board of Revenue in consultation with the Collectors concerned. The Board's proposals are under the consideration of the Government. One of the suggestions examined was to form a new district with Chicacole as its headquarters by adding a portion of the present Vizagapatam district to the portion of the Ganjam district which will be retained in this province.

(*c*) The Government are not prepared to announce the opinions given by the Collectors.

Education

Judgment by the Assistant Sessions Judge, Calicut, in the case of alleged defalcation in the Malabar District Educational Council.

581 *Q.*—Mr. P. MADHUSOODHANAN THANGAL: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the dismissal of the Malabar District Educational Council defalcation case on the 20th November 1933 from the Court of the Assistant Sessions Judge of Calicut and the grave charges of mismanagement made in the judgment by the learned Judge against the President and staff of the Council; and

(*b*) in the light of the disclosures made in the judgment, whether the Government are intending to hold any enquiry or take any action?

A.—(*a*) The Government are aware.

(*b*) The Government are proposing to take necessary action in the matter.